

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims set forth in the Official Action of October 20, 2004, are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-20 are currently pending.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being unpatentable over “Virtual Reality Trading Floor Adds New Dimension,” Computerworld, Framington, March 29, 1999 (Vol. 33, Issue 13, p. 67) [hereinafter “Computerworld”]. Because the Computerworld disclosure is describing Applicant’s own work within the year before the application filing date, this disclosure cannot be used as prior art against the present patent application. A declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 is enclosed establishing that Computerworld is describing Applicant’s own work.

The present application has a priority date of January 31, 2000 based on the filing of the provisional patent application associated with this application. Computerworld was published on March 29, 1999, which was within one year before the filing date of the present application.

In the present application, Dror Segal is the first named inventor of the invention, and Computerworld does not reference any entity which is different from the inventive entity. Computerworld cites the inventor, Dror Segal, as the senior director of the company integrating the virtual trading floor system, and quotes him as saying, “the challenge was not so much in bringing the information together as it was in building the 3-D interface.” Computerworld

further notes that the virtual trading floor has been introduced at the New York Stock Exchange “earlier this month,” referring to March 1999. And, in fact, the New York Stock Exchange is the assignee of the invention in the present application. Thus, Applicant’s disclosure of his own work within the year before the application filing date cannot be used against the applicant under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a). Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the declaration filed under 37 CFR § 1.132, and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims set forth in the Official Action of October 20, 2004.

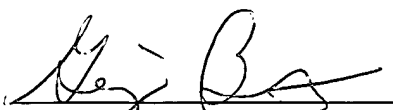
Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Applicant does not believe that any fee is required with this communication. If a fee is required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure